

REMARKS

Claims 22 – 24, 46, and 48 – 62 are pending herein. Claims 22 – 24, 46, 48, and 49 are rejected and Claims 50 – 57 are allowed. Claim 47 is cancelled herein. Claims 58 - 62 are new. Responsive to each paragraph in the Office Action, the Applicant has the following remarks:

Claim Objections:

The claims have been renumbered.

The Examiner stated that the monitoring or medical devices recited in certain claims are not described in the specification in terms of their structure or medical uses. The Applicant will address these comments below.

35 U.S.C. §102:

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,378 to Mahaney. Claims 22-24 and 46-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,041,242 to Coulthard.

The Applicant has amended independent Claim 22 to recite the limitations of Claim 47. Specifically, the limitations of a medical device supported about the wheeled chassis. Neither reference shows the use of such a device. The Examiner stated, however, “it has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed (in this case as a medical device or a monitoring device) does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations.”

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claim as amended overcomes the cited

referenced. As above, neither reference shows the use of a medical device as part of a mobile workstation. Further, the Applicant is not claiming, for example, a mobile workstation “suitable for use” with a medical device. Rather, the Applicant is in fact claiming a mobile workstation wherein one of the limitations is a medical device supported about the wheeled chassis. This is not a recitation of the manner in which the apparatus will be used. Rather, this is a specific limitation of the device as a whole.

Further, the specification does in fact describe in detail the use of a medical device with the mobile workstation. For example, paragraph 64 states as follows:

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the mobile workstation could be configured to support a device other than a docking station or a wireless computer terminal, such as a medical instrument. For example, the mobile workstation could be configured to support an ultra-sound device used to view a fetus. The docking station or the wireless computer terminal could be removed from the mobile workstation, and a similarly sized ultra-sound device could be placed within the mobile workstation. The patient could then view the display screen of the mobile workstation to see the results of the ultra-scan procedure.

The Applicant thus submits that Claim 21, and the dependent claims thereon, are patentable as amended.

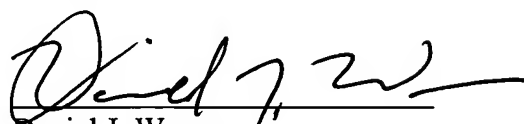
New Claims

New Claim 58 recites the use of an ultra-sound device as described above in Paragraph 64. Similarly, this paragraph also describes viewing images as recited in new Claims 59 and 60. Paragraph 77 describes status monitoring as recited in new Claims 61 and 62.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 404.853.8028.

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